

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 4 as follows:

The following products and associated web addresses identify Internet travel products:

BookIt! PRO (<http://www.webventures.com/bookitpro>)

Worldspan (<http://www.worldspan.ro>)

ByeByeNow.com (<http://www.byebyenow.com>)

IntenetView 2.0 (<http://www.itatn.com>)

Genesys – The Travel Technology Consultancy (<http://www.genesys.net>)

Affinity Solutions (<http://www.ngean.com/affinity>)

NTS Travel Response (<http://www.ntstravel.com/companyoverview>)

IONA Pressroom (<http://www.iona.com/pressroom/archive/vti.html>)

S2SystemsNews(http://www.s2systems.com/pages/news/releases/news_netx.htm)

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 4 as follows:

Figure 3 is a block diagram illustrating a typical rental car reservation and revenue systems system.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 17 as follows:

As shown in FIG. 3, a rental car company revenue management system (RCMS) 300 analyzes historical demand and pricing data for previous nights reservations during the relevant time period for each specific ~~room~~ car type. The RCMS 300 establishes a plurality of rate/code classes for the actual car classes, utilizes historical data to forecast an expected demand over time for cars within a given rate code at a given price, and initially allocates and prices inventory sufficient to satisfy the expected demand. The RCMS 300 transmits this inventory and pricing information to the rental car reservation system RCRS 302. As is well-known in the art, the RCMS 300 can predict, based on available historical data, whether the company will have unused cars on a given day. Based on this information, and on additional information, such as membership of traveler in loyalty programs, contracts and partnerships between vendors,

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discount rates for specific traveler groups like corporate travelers, and the like, the RCMS 300 can determine a special rate/code for the car class when included in packages. The special rate/code can be lower than the available (regular) rate/code, when selling the car in packages is targeted to attract leisure travelers to use cars that would otherwise be left unused. The special rate/code can be higher than the available rate/code when selling the cars in packages is targeted to improve service for business travelers who prefer to find a complete set of products, for example a flight combined with a hotel room and car for a conference. The RCRS 302 transmits information on the inventory and pricing for the hotel special rate listing to the CRS 304 as well as packages scheduling system (PSS) 402, as shown in figure 4. It can send the PSS only the packaging rules, in cases where the pricing and availability can be automatically retrieved by the PSS using a connection to a price and availability system, like a CRS.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 13 as follows:

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As shown in FIG. 4, the packages scheduling system (PSS) 402 also receives information defined by packaging experts and is stored in a knowledge base 408. The information in the knowledge base is used by the system to classify geographical locations to types of activities (e.g. Aspen, Colorado has Ski facilities between December and April each year). The information in the ~~knowledgeable~~ knowledge base also includes information about proximity between locations (e.g. that a hotel in Goleta, California, is nearby the airport in Santa Barbara, California, and therefore a package of the 2 may be built).

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 14 as follows:

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The travel agent can book the package through the PRS 500 and receive a confirmation code for the entire package, and ~~confirmation~~ confirmation codes for each product within the package.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page ²⁰16, line 14 as follows:

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In step 1102, the consumer request is validated (the package exists and matched the requested dates) and a list of all the products and vendors that are involved in the package is found.